There are rumors in military circles in

Brooklyn that the old Fourteenth Regiment is

millions of dark-skinned races. But that is not his affair. What he has to do is first to silence the minority in Germany-that is, against armics and navies and colonies-by making the most of the sudden coming over of the American nation from a policy of mind-yourown-business and cultivate-your-own-gardenin peace to a policy of military, naval, and mini expansion. America's easting vote. they say, is now given on the side of colonialism and aggression

Secondly-and this is perhaps the more im portant-the blow dealt at Spain by the United States has put the Spanish Empire in liquidation. Germany, like a smart man of business, inten is to be in at the sale of the bankrupt Sha has no intention of quarrelling will be effusively friendly. But she intends to have the first choice in whatever is left of spain's goods and chattels after the Americans have had their pick. There are many trimmings left over after your treaty of peace is signed. Germany must at any cost acquire coaling stations all round the world. Spain has coaling stations to sell. Germany does not intend to be forestalled. She has long had an eye on the Caroline Islands. There are less probshie contingencies than a deal by which Germany might at a stroke take over the whole wreck of the Spanish Empire in the Far East. No one can foresee what kaleidoscopie changes may come about in the near future, when the colonial possessions of Spain and also of Portugal seem likely to come upon the market to be knocked down to the highest bidder.

"The present Emperor is unlike his father in most things, but he inherited from his predeessor a haunting dread of the immense potentialities of the American commonwealth. This dread which has hitherto been chiefly commercial, is now extending to the political sphere. The Kaiser has no love for the Monroe doctrine. If the United States cuts the Nicaragua Canal, the need for a German coaling station in the West Indian islands will be imperious. Nor is that the only possibility of collision between Americanism" and Germany. The German colonists are increasing in Southern Bruzil. Only the other day one of them got into trouble for hoisting the German flag, and his eause has been warmly taken up by his countrymen at home. The Government looks askance at the enthusiasm which begets societies for the promotion of Germanism in Brazil, foreseeing complications. Mr. McKinley was equally opposed to intervention in Cuba but he made the war notwithstanding. The way before the awakened passions of their subjects. If the German colonists in Brazil revolt and declare their independence, it will not be a far ery, in the opinion of eager spirits in Berlin, to the establishment of a German protectorate over the German independent States of South America. And in that case the Monroe doctrine might fall of enforcement unless the American fleet were stronger than that of Ger-

"The chief and immediate rivalry is not in colonies but in commerce. In the struggle for the world's market Germany is badly handicapped by her military burdens and by the comparative narrowness of her borders. America she recognizes as her most formidable competitor, and the contest every day becomes more keen "The admirable speech made by Mr. White,

the American Ambassador, at Leipsic on July 4 did much to bring the Germans to their bearings. But it was significant of much that at that banquet but for the direct intervention of the Ambassador himself no German fing would have been displayed. The room was draged with Union Jacks and Stars and Stripes intertwined But neither German nor Saxon flag was visible. At the last moment a Saxon flag was procured, so that the conven-

The fact that a German child looked at pictures in Mr. Stead's presence and cried "Daten!" meaning "Soldaten," is not esrecially significant. All children jove the soldiers. They love the uniform and the music of the band. But the soldier offers more than

Once in a while it happens that a man is asked to tell something about a friend he has known for years, and, on starting confidently to answer, finds that he has nothing to tell. He has seen and met his friend daily, perhaps. throughout his life; has heard of his doings and been interested in them, like other people, but somehow or other, though side by side, lived lives as separate as if the eccan had divided them. This would seem to be the fix in which the Rev. Edward Everett Hale finds himself in writing "James Russell Lowell and His Friends" (Houghton, Mif-Dr. Hale was a student in Harvard College in the class below Mr. Lowell. He lived near him and in touch with him for the greater part of his later life, yet in his less than 300 pages of large print there will be found a great deal about Dr. Hale himself, many characteristic reminiscences of the persons and places he is interested in, and hardly anything about Mr. Lowell, save what is confessedly derived from other printed accounts. To persons interested in Cambridge or Boston the book, though it offers nothing new, will be entertaining enough, for Dr. Hale knows a good deal about both places, and tells his reminiscences in a chatty style that allows of endless digressions into trivial matters and makes inaccuracy comparatively unimportant. About Mr. Lowell they will learn little-less, in fact, than they can obtain rom a good cyclopedia article-for Mr. Lowell seems to get like a danger signal on Dr. Hale and to send him scurrying off as fast as he can in some other direction. Mr. Lowell, for instance, held the Smith Professorship of Belles Lettres at Harvard, incorrectly described by Dr. Hale, for thirty-five years, though to be sure he was absent from his post for a great part of the ime. Dr. Haie tells about Abiel Smith and his professor, hip, about the Presidents and profesers of the college in Mr. Lowell's time, about a student in whom Dr. Hale took an interest about his own ideas on a variety of college matters, about Arthur Hogh Clough, concern-ing whom his ideas seem vague, but about Prof. Lowell he tells little or nothing. He is satisfied with statements, like these made by Prof. Barrett Wendell in a published magazine article Prof. Wenderl gives a valuable account of his ce with Lowell. He had never plany Italian, and yet he holdly resolved that he would ask Lowell's permission to atand his bectures on Dante, though he had no knowledge of the Italian language. Lowell was rieased, perhaps was interested, in seeing what so bright a boy would do under such cirequistances; and the result of this was, as Mr. Werdell says, 'at the end of a month I could Frail Dante better than I have ever learned to read fireek or Latin or Gorman. New this, as Prof. Wendell would probably ex-

plain to his young charges, is a brilliant exam-Ple of the rheterical figure known as hyperbole. dimust be taken not as a statement of fact. but he the measure of Prof. Wendell's enthutissm. It is safe to say that neither he nor young man at Harvard ever tearned rough Italian in a month to understand Dante or any other poet in the original, and still safer to say that he did not learn Italian from Mr. Lowell, who never could teach languages. Men g deleas about literature and poetry and English and scholarship from him, but not the necessary facts about foreign languages. Dr. Hale, however, takes Prof. Wendell's figure of streeh literally and goes on to say, "Remember this, gentlemen, who are taking nine years to teach a boy Latin, and reflect that Mr. Wonreads his Latin as well as the best of you. then digresses into a two-page "little Manager Wa should like to know the good authority for his comment; it can and rese Prof. Wendell.

If a freatment of M., Lowell's public services Mr Lowell in Spain," for example, contains some rather irrelevant historical matter, some pressions of the country formed by Dr. Hale at hig a very short stay, some complimentary twharks about people who were kind to him. and a few disjointed statements about Mr. To give an idea of Mr. Lowell's social ine a England, Dr. Hale actually prints a bor-

rowed list of about a hundred persons of note living at the time, a list we have not undertaken to verify, and jauntily adds: "I think I may say that Lowell knew personally all the more distinguished of the persons in those very interesting groups before he left London." In other instances Dr. Hale's garrulity and carelesaness lead him to make statements that are seriously misleading. Mr. Lowell, as every one knows, in 1878 was elected in Massachusetts a Presidential elector on the Republican ticket When it was clear that the election of Mr. Hayes would depend on a single ballot in the lectoral college, there were intriguers so mean as to suggest that possibly Mr. Lowell might be persuaded—I suppose by considerations which such men understand better than do-to give a vote for Mr. Tilden. Any such hopes as these Mr. Lowell very promptly suppressed, as such a man can. That little correspondence, however, called attention to his name, even in the somewhat dark council chambers of the people who distrust 'them littery feliers." Dr. Hale's gratuitous suppo-

ition is an insult to Mr. Lowell's memory. It

is the first time we have seen the suggestion

made that a bribe, direct or indirect, might have been offered to him. It was hoped unloubtedly by some people that Mr. Lowell's patriotism might rise above party, and that by ollowing the earlier traditions of the Constitu tion and casting his vote according to his own sense of right he might prevent the consum mation of the infamous fraud that placed Mr Hayes in power. Mr. Lowell, as he had a per-fect right to do, preferred to cling to the later custom, and to look upon himself as the mere mouthplece of the party that had elected him. It was reserved to Dr. Hale to first suggest the possibility of improper motives. So as to Mr. Lowell's personal habits. In accounting for his being under suspension when his class was gradu-ated, Dr. Haie says: "And, again, I have heard t said that he had become grossly intemperate; all of which is the sheerest nonsense. Now, let me say that from his birth to his death I never saw him in the least under any influence of iquor which could be detected in any way. I never, till within five years, heard any sugges-tion of the gossip which I have referred to above." In speaking of Lowell's last illness he says: "From no indulgence of his own, he was a victim of hereditary gout." Surely James Russell Lowell needed no certificate of temperate habits from the Rev. Dr. Hale, and it would have been more discreet not to heed idle tittle-tattle than to perpetuate the slander by a refutation. There are other instances of questionable taste to be found in the book. Dr. Hale prints a few unimportant letters and notes, some of which have been published before. There are countless letters of Mr. Lowell in the possession of his friends both in this country and in Europe. which will see the light some day and provide material for an adequate blography by a competent person. The traditions of his personal charm and the direct influence he wielded as a

shadowy impression of Lowell. With the thirteenth volume containing the Ballads, Critical Reviews, Tales, Various Essays, Letters, Sketches,&c.." together with Les-lie Stephen's life and a bibliography, the " Biographical Edition" of Thackeray (Harpers) is completed. For it Mrs. Ritchie has written another of her delightful introductions. After some interesting notes relating to the pieces printed in the volume, and a large number of unpublished drawings, including "Vivaldi; or The Bandit's Tower, a Tale for Young Persons, Uniting Instruction with Amusement and Blending Terror with Delight," and Thackeray's original illustrations to "The Famous History of Lord Bateman," she gives a long account of her "grandfathers and grand-mothers." Here is a pleasant picture of

transmitted by the rapidly diminishing band of

who has often done such capital work, has not

been successful. Some idea of Edward Everett

Hale may be derived from his book, but only a

nis contemporaries. In this task Dr

One autumn day, just before his second visit t America, my father sent for an open carriage and a pair of horses, and we drove to Hadley, near Bar net, to see the early Thackeray home. It was a aquare family house, upon a green. It was not high, was to let. The Thackerays were gone from it long

since, the seven sons and the many daughters. My father seemed to know it all, though he had never been there before. He went into the garden exclaiming. There was the old holly tree that Ais father used to write about. Half the leaves were white on the branches that apread across the path; that gravel path which my grandfather, frichmond Thackeray, used to roll as a boy, and which he longed for in India sor et mer. At the back of the drawing room was a study with a crist-cross not work of wire bookcase along the walls. It was here that Amelia Thackeray was sitting when her hus band came in agitated and very pale. He said there was terrible news from India, and as she started terrified, from her seat, he exclaimed: "Not Wil liam, not William, but Webb," "O Webb, my Webb," cried the poor mother, and dropped sens less to the ground. She never quite recovered the use of her limbs, though she regained conscious-ness. Until then she had never told anybody that she loved Webb the best of all her children.

There is a picture, too, of Thackeray's father Richmond, and his mother and the 3-year-old William Makepeace in petticoats.

My father would take his spectacles off when he looked at this old water colour. "It is a pretty drawing," he used to say, but he added that if his father in the picture had risen from the chair in which he sat, he would have been above nine feet high from the lengt's of the legs there depicted. My father could just remember him. a very tall. thin man, rising from a bath. He could also re-member the crocediles floating on the Ganges, and that was almost all he ever described of India. though in his writings there is frequent allusion to Indian life.

Mrs. Ritchie prints extracts from his note-

books for " The Four Georges," The pulse of pleasure best more strongly a hun-dred years since than it appears to do in our languid century. There was more amusement and more frolicking, more commerce among mankind, a very great deal more idleness, so much so that one wonders how business was done. * * 1 wonder how much claret went to inflame the judgment of the o ator and the auditors of the House of Con mons which dehated the American war. Men dined at 3 o'clock and regaled themselves with beer, wines and quantities of punch after. What business were they good for after such a diet? The best thing they could do was to play at cards, perhaps. and then, about 10 or 11, you know, they would be hungry again, and, behold, broiled bones and Madeira and more punch—quanti-ties more punch—and to bed after midnight, and plenty of rest required to sleep off all that feasting and compute the mere time for pleasure, and there remain really but three or four hours for work, and headache. A lady of little more than my own age has told me that at her father's table -he was a pear of ancient name and large estates in the Midland unities-dinner was served at two or three, the old nobleman sitting with such company as the county affirled, and strong sie went on all dinner time then port, then punch, then supper, and so forth. Prople in those days were continually carried away drunk and put to bed, and I suppose had no shame in meeting their families the next morning. No wonder the pulse of pleasure beat with all this

quor to inflame it: He made note of a charming letter of condolence written by George II.'s Queen, Caroline, to some other monarch: "Le ciel chalou de notre bonheur, nous vien d'enlever notre adorable reine: le coup fadalle m'a plongée dans une affliction mordelle, et il n'y a rien qui puise consoller. Je vous plaint de mon cœur Monsieur et suis avec un parfait adachement. Votre servant, Caroline." Mrs. Ritchie's introductions to the "Biographical Edition." the most complete yet published of Thackeray's works, make it indispensable to lovers of Thackeray. It is to be hoped that she will be encouraged to write much more in the same charming, informal manner about her ancestors and family, even if filial piety keep her silent about her father's life.

The love affairs of three young people are conducted through various European scenes by Mrs. Burton Harrison in "A Triple Entanglement" J. B. Lippincott Companyi to a happy and eminently proper conclusion. The heroine is a good and beautiful British maiden who is subjected to many hard trials by un-feeling people, and divides her affections between a worthy and manly young American

and an unfortunate Bohemian scamp, not impartially, but giving the larger share to each in turn. A great many persons such as one is accustomed to meet in stories about European travel figure as more or less needful accessories, but the tale deals mainly with the transfer of the excellent young woman's affections. It makes pleasant reading for an idle afternoon. At the beginning of her book Mrs. Harrison calls attention to a real evil, the harm done to young children's characters by dragging them about from one place to another at an age when they don't care for the sights that interest their elders, and she emphasizes her point by the pictures of an unhappy little girl brought up in hotels and of the unlucky degenerate whose training, through no fault of his own, was even more deplorable.

In "A Daughter of the Vine" (John Lane: The Bodley Head), an alcoholic heroine is Mrs. Gertrude Atherton's addition to the vic-tims of heredity in English fiction, as a variation from the stock impending curses of consumption and insanity. It is not a cheerful employment of other unpleasant diseases by young authors who may want to go furthe even than Mrs. Atherton. Her victim of the liquor habit is no working woman, like Zola's Germaine, but a bright young girl in good society in San Francisco, whom a besotted mother has deliberately accus-tomed to whiskey from her babyhood in order to spite her husband. The knowledge of her own secret vice stands in the way of her accepting the man she falls in love with, and the story of her struggle is told with much

the book, practically in a duet between her and her lover, interrupted by descriptions e scenery and society in California, in the days immediately before the civil war. Hideous though the central idea is, it is essential to the author's purpose, and is kept under with much artistic skill. It is regrettable that such good work should be cast aside for cheap melodramatic effects at the end, and that to crush down the heroine the author should make use of an abominable act and harp on the loathsome story, with no suspicion, apparently, of how intolerably offensive it is. Mr. Mallock insulted his reader mere standpoint of art Mrs. Atherton is inexcusable, as the clever psychological study of her earlier pages loses all its point. A smaller matter is the lack of taste with which the story of the scapegrace member of the Bronte family is dragged into the tale over and over

again without rhyme or reason. Early Chapters in Science, a First Book of Knowledge of Natural History, Botany, Physiology, Physics and Chemistry for Young People," by Mrs. W. Awdry (E. P. Dutton & Co.) seems likely to accomplish the author's purpose and to really teach shildren something worth knowing. In language that is simple and clear without being childish she explains many things that they are interested in, beginning with objects familiar or attractive and proceeding to the essential scientific deductions from them. There is no attempt to drag in everything, but the child who reads, or has read to it, Mrs. Awdry's book will acquire, easily and unconsciously, correct ideas about essential facts, and will find its mind prepared to approach more difficult scientific reasoning later without effort.

The "Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, the Astronomer Poet of Persia, Rendered into English Verse," has been added by Messrs. Macmillan to their well-known "Golden Tressury Series." As the edition is not a fac-simile of any previous edition, but a careful revision of the text of Fitz Gerald's first four editions, it seems a needless affectation to omit Fitz Gerald's name from the title page. The purchaser, unless he looks at the verses, will find only in a note on the last page an indication that it is Fitz Gerald's Omar Khayyam he is buying and not that of Mr. Nathan Haskell Dole or of Mr. Richard Le Gallienne.

Mr. William Harvey Brown was sent to South Africa by the United States Government as naturalist of the expedition to observe the eclipse of the sun in 1889. He left the expedition at Cape Town in order to sludy the natural history of Mashonaland and seems to have settled in the country. Under the title, "On the South African Frontier" (Charles Scribner's Sons'. Mr. Brown tells his experiences and observations, particularly those of the first two or three years of his stay, though the political events of later years are recounted as well, but more briefly. His training as a nat uralist leads him to observe closely many things that travellers often pass over, while the adventurous border life during the first settlement of Rhode iting material. His story is interesting. The ook is illustrated.

We have also received: The Economic Foundations of Society." chille Loria, translated by Lindley M. Keas-

bey. (Charles Scribner's Sons.) "The Confessions of an English Opium Eater." Thomas De Quincey. (J. M. Dent & Co.; Macmillans.)

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Lippincott Company. 'Adam Smith.' Hector C. Macpherson, Fanous Scots Series. (Charles Scribner's Sons.)

"Reprinted Pieces," by Charles Dickens, with general essay on the works of Charles Dickens by Andrew Lang. Volume 34 and last of the Gadsden edition of Dickens's works. Charles Scribner's Sons. "Just Rhymes" Charles Battell Loomis.

R. H. Russell. "Education by Development," the second part of the Pedagogies of the Kindergarten. riedrich Froebel, translated by Josephine Jarvis. (Appletons.

"Stories of the Old Bay State." Elbridge S. Brooks, (American Book Company.) "The Story of Our War with Spain." El-bridge S. Brooks. (Lothrop Publishing Com-

Through Nature to God," John Fiske. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)

Travels." translated by Thomas Carlyle. volumes. The Centenary edition. (Charles Beribner's Sons.) "International Courts of Arbitration. Thomas Balch. (Henry T. Coates & Co.)

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J. T. Cowdery.) 'Poems of Therese." Translated from the German by Ellen Frothingham. (G. P. Put-"Year Book of the Gentlemen's Driving Club

of Cleveland, 1897-1898." (Published by the 'Waters That Pass Away." N. B. Winston. G. W. Dillingham Company.)

HULL FANTON IN THE INSANE WARD He Has a Notion That There is a Con-

spiracy to Rob and Starve Him. Hull Fanton, 60 years old, of Montour Falls, Y. Y., who was formerly a Registrar in Bankruptcy and is a member of the Union League Club and of several well-known organizations. was committed to Bellevue Hospital by Magistrate Simms from the Centre Street Police Court yesterday to be examined as to his sun-

Fanton has a law office with Capt, William I anton has a law office with Capt, william H. Romer of the rough riders at 220 Broadway. He sent out measengers for all his friends yesterday and informed them all that capt. Homer had stolen \$250,000 from him and that the Mazst in restigation was a gigantic constracy to ruin him. The nolice were notified and he was taken before the Mazistrate. Mr. Fanton insisted on carrying with him along of sods crackers, insisting that he had eaten nothing for three days and that there was a conspiracy on foot to starve him.

Christian Scientists to Build Another Church. The West Side Church of Christ, Scientist, which now worships in a hall in Eighty-second street, between the Boulvard and West End avenue, has purchased a plot in the same street and will take steps to erect a new church. It hopes to secure some financial assistance from E. F. Bates, a Boston Christian Scientist, who has heiped the same church in New Haven, and who has recently been in this city in consulta-tion with this congregation.

FOURTEENTH REGIMENT IN DANGER. It May Be Reduced to a Battalion and Then Beorganized.

in danger of being reduced to a battalion in consequence of the poor showing it recently made at the inspection and review by Col. Edward M. Hoffman of Major-Gen. Roe's staff. The percentage of attendance was only 77.98, the absentees being for the most part from Companies I. K. L and M. It is said to be the intention of the authorities to disband some of these companies and reorganize the regiment on the material left. Brig. Gen. James McLeer, who lost his arm while serving with the Fourteenth during the civil war, says he will do all that is possible to save the regiment, but he admits that some radical measures are likely to be adopted to improve its condition. It is understood that in the shake-up Lieut.-Col. Kline, who has been in command since the regiment was mustered out of the United States service, will be rendered supernumerary, and Major B. H. Tobey put in his place. All along there has been a pronounced opposition in the regiment to Lieut.-Col. Kline, but he has refused to step aside. 77.98, the absentees being for the most part

Jenkins Van Schaick's Funeral.

Funeral services over Jenkins Van Schaick, who died at Huntington, L. I., on Wednesday, were held at Grace Church yesterday morning. A. S. Gorham, Franklin Chandler, E. B. Wesley, Jacob Rodgers, T. W. Evans, Judge William P. Quinn, Major-Gen. Charles F. Rose and Henry Thompson were the pallbearers, and among those present were many members of the Stock Exchange.

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